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## Elba City Council officially appoints Shayne Arnett as new Police Chief

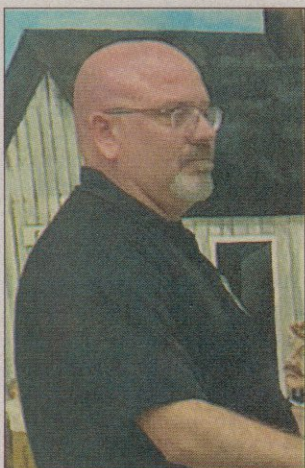
by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, July 8, to appoint Shayne Arnett as the new permanent Chief of Police for the City of Elba.

"We have talked with Shayne. He has been doing the acting chief's job for quite a while, and we have talked with him about serving as permanent chief of police for Elba," Mayor Tom Maddox said. "He has agreed to do that."

The mayor said the officers seem to be very pleased with the way Arnett is conducting the police department; therefore, he said he was recommending in the form of a motion that Shayne Arnett be appointed the Chief of Police for the City of Elba. The second received a motion from council member Gappa Wise.

All council members voted in favor of appointing



Shayne Arnett was officially appointed as Elba's new Chief of Police this week.

Arnett as Chief of Police.

Also, during Monday evening's meeting, the city council voted to abate city sales tax for the Back-to-School sales tax holiday later this month.

The Alabama Back-to-School Sales Tax holiday is a program of the Alabama Department of Revenue that abates state sales tax for a pre-determined weekend in

July to assist families with back-to-school shopping. Local municipalities have the option to join the state in abating local taxes or not.

Mayor Maddox recommended that Elba join in the sales tax holiday abatement this year for the weekend of July 19-21 and suspend the city sales tax on qualifying items purchased within the city. A list of qualifying items can be found on the Alabama Department of Revenue's website.

Council members voted unanimously to approve suspended the city sales tax during the Back-to-School Sales Tax holiday weekend this year.

A resolution was approved by the council to make known the city's intent to apply for a State of Alabama Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant [CDBG]. The city is applying for

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Flags, fireworks and food bring in the crowds for Elba's "party with a purpose" at the Fourth of July "Let Freedom Ring" event.  
(photo by Elisha Oyola)

## Let Freedom Ring 'party' brings crowd downtown

by Elisha Oyola,  
Auburn University Living  
Democracy student

Elba's Fourth of July celebration, Let Freedom Ring, is an annual event described as a "party with a purpose," according to Mary Helmer Wirth, president and state coordinator for Main Street Alabama.

Wirth said events like Let Freedom Ring are an opportunity to reintroduce the community to locals, businesses, and investors.

The party in Elba started when Linda Hodge, editor of the Elba Clipper newspaper, decided to start a Fourth of July celebration. "Patriotism runs deep here and in me," Hodge said.

As the then-president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Hodge said she "wanted to give something back to the community." She said the first "Let Freedom Ring" event resembled a small-town festival with local live music, fireworks, and food vendors.

Since then, the event continues to grow each year, drawing visitors from

around the area. Many people come to Elba's Let Freedom Ring to escape crowds that are found in larger towns on the Fourth of July.

Hodge said she believes Elba is in a central location between Andalusia, Troy, and Dothan for those who want something smaller. "You can come here and feel like you're at a backyard BBQ," she said.

Many people in Elba, like Hodge, the daughter of a Vietnam Veteran, have a deep connection to the Fourth of July with Fort Novosel located less than 30 miles away.

Hodge said she believes the "sense of pride, country, and community" and the impressive fireworks are what keeps Let Freedom Ring growing.

Pulling the party together is a long process that begins as soon as the Fourth of July event ends. Sandy Bynum Williams, Elba Chamber of Commerce director, said she enjoys the yearlong setup for the event as they plan to gather musicians, vendors, and sponsors. "I get to host a big party," she said.

Sponsors help make the event a success. Williams said Troy Bank & Trust provided this year's bouncy houses, and the Masonic Lodge provided free watermelon. Hodge envisioned an event that cost families

nothing to attend. Williams works with sponsors to continue this tradition. "A person could come and bring their entire family and have a fun evening and not spend any money," Williams said.

She added, "I love seeing them enjoy the evening. They usually don't know who did it or how it came to be, but they are having a good time. That's the reward."

Besides low costs, seeing family and friends brings people downtown for the celebration. "They love family and friends, they enjoy visiting and talking to their neighbors, and they love celebrating our country," Williams said.

Williams said she believes none of it would have been possible without the designation as a Main Street community through Main Street Alabama, a non-profit organization that is part of a larger non-profit, Main Street America. The organization focuses on the revitalization of historic downtown districts across America.

In 2015, Elba became a designated Main Street community. According to Williams, they were the smallest community to achieve designation. She

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## Covenant Community Church to host July 26th "Funtastic Friday"

Covenant Community Church invites all to attend its Funtastic Friday event set for Friday, July 26, from 5-8 p.m.

There will be food trucks and vendors, raffles, a cake walk, Bingo, inflatables, animals from the Marley Acres petting zoo, and more!

While it is free to attend the event, some activities will require tickets for a small fee.

Funds generated and/or donated from the event

will be given back to the community to help the Elba Food Bank, School Supplies for Teachers, and Fostering Angels. The church also plans to use some funds to build a playground for the youngsters at Covenant Community Church to enjoy, according to church member Danny Jordan.

Covenant Community Church is located at 2667 Hickman Avenue in Elba. Again, all are welcome to attend Funtastic Friday!



ELBA IS HOME TO A NEW AIRBNB RENTAL PROPERTY thanks to the efforts of Courtney and Evan Maddox. Green Haven, a home constructed from shipping containers is located at 329 Putnam Street and is ready to be rented. An open house was held Monday evening for the property, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the end of construction. Elba Mayor Tom Maddox declared the property "ready to rent" as the cut the ribbon. During the open house, citizens were able to tour the renovated home and enjoy snacks. Family, friends, city and chamber leaders, and Elba queens were all present for the ribbon cutting.



The award recipients from The Holy Angels Gospel Singers Juneteenth event held last month in Elba are pictured above with event organizers. The Elba event celebrated leaders of the community that have made numerous contributions to Elba. Also, two scholarships were presented during the event.

## Juneteenth celebration in Elba honors several community heroes

The Holy Angels Gospel Singers of Elba, Alabama presented a special Juneteenth celebration banquet Saturday, June 15, along with the annual scholarship awards ceremony at Elba Theater.

Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the end of Slavery in the United States. It is also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day.

The Holy Angels decided to honor members of the Elba community for their heroism and contributions to the city. The honorees selected this year included those who made significant investments in the culture and development of the city, especially in the African American community. The

event was fringed with a delicious meal and musical entertainment.

Among those honored was Superintendent William Keith Ellison, Pastor of Harris Temple COGIC. Superintendent Ellison is a state, district, and national leader in the Church of God in Christ. His contributions to Elba are numerous.

Attorney Gladys Yelverton is a civic leader, retired attorney, and educator. Her involvement in religious, civic, and community activities is recognized throughout the city and state.

Chequita Walker is the owner of J. J's Barbeque Restaurant. She uses the success of her business to invest in the community by providing employment

opportunities and remaining humble in demeanor as a solid role model for the youth of our city.

Kenya Martin was born and raised in Elba. She is a hometown hero in her own right. After matriculating in the Elba School District, Martin studied at Troy University and returned home as an educator. Proving herself as a successful educator, she has risen to significant heights as principal of Elba Elementary School.

Gregory Sowell is one of Elba's gentle giants. He is the president of Coleman Mortuary. Sowell is continuing a solid tradition he began with his grandfather, the late Rev. Virgil Coleman. His ability to provide comfort to the tri-county area residents

in their time of need is invaluable. Mr. Sowell's commitment to the development of Elba is unprecedented.

A special posthumous award was presented to the family of the late Rosa Russell-Coleman. Mrs. Coleman was a major inspiration in the organization of the Holy Angels Gospel Choir. Mrs. Coleman's love for humanity still impacts Elba as fervent teaching methods are still effective and used by those whose lives she touched.

One of the highlights was the annual scholarship ceremony. The group awarded the 2024 Darryl Crittenden and C. R. Sconiers' scholarships to Tajah Robinson and Brooke Tinsley, seniors at Elba High School.

## Area Happenings

**The Coffee County Board of Education** will meet Thursday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m. for the board's regular monthly meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

**The Elba Evergreen Cemetery Board** will meet Thursday, July 11, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

**The annual meeting of the Coffee County Farmers Federation** will be Monday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room of the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala. Only one registration per membership for door prizes, but all members are encouraged to attend.



## EDITORIAL

### Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

If you were not in Elba, Alabama for the Let Freedom Ring events last Thursday evening, you sure missed a treat! The temperatures may have been on the hot side, but that did not keep folks away from listening to the entertainment and watching the fireworks. Both the Saddle Hill Band and Blind Skeleton did awesome jobs of performing to entertain the masses throughout the evening, and, as always, Mike Holderfield did a phenomenal job with the fireworks show! We have said it before, but we will say it again...Mr. Holderfield's talent in presenting a fireworks show is great, and we would put his 4th of July show in Elba up against any!! Great job once again this year by all involved.

We saw a flyer circulating this week indicating a Campus Clean Up Day has been scheduled for Elba City Schools on Saturday, July 27th. The contact person for questions regarding this clean up event is vice principal Marty Balkcom. This is the second time since Balkcom came to work at Elba City School as vice principal last school year that he has organized a cleanup day around the campus. From what we can tell, the vice principal is a "go-getter" and works hard to make Elba City Schools better. We salute him for the good job he is doing. As for the July 27th cleanup day, those able to help are asked to bring push mowers, weed-eaters, chainsaws, pressure washers, trimmers, edgers, shovels, rakes, gloves, buckets, cleaning sprays, and rags. Everyone will meet behind the Elba High School lunchroom that morning at 8 a.m. If you have a love for Elba City Schools and have some spare time July 27th make plans to help get the campus spruced up for the new school year, which is already less than a month away from starting.

The Elba City Council removed 'interim' from the police chief's title earlier this week and officially named Shayne Arnett as Elba's Police Chief. Arnett has been doing the job for many months already, and it was nice to learn he and city leaders had come to an agreement for him to officially serve as Elba's next Chief of Police. He is a seasoned officers that has been with the Elba department for many years. In the time he served as interim chief, the department operated well it appeared from all accounts even though it was understaffed. Arnett has not simply sat behind the desk during the understaffing and watched his officers work crazy overtime hours. He too has been out there patrolling and working 12-hour shifts making sure the citizens' safety comes first. We feel this was the best move for the city and department at this time, and we hope additional moves being made also will help fix the understaffing problem for the department real soon.

Two members of the Elba High School football team now have already verbally committed to play college football. Highly-recruited Alvin Henderson first committed to Penn State but recently made headlines again in flipping that commitment to Auburn University instead. Now, Cayden Adkins has announced his commitment to Georgia State. For a small Class 1A school this is big news for Elba City Schools and the Elba Tiger football program. However, before those guys put on the college jerseys, we look forward to seeing how many more records they can break in the black and gold jerseys for the Elba Tigers. Both are fun to watch on the football field whether you are a Tiger fan or not...it just is even better if you yell for the Tigers! Good luck, young men! We are proud of you.

### Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, July 2, 2024, through Monday, July 8, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

**Tuesday, July 2** – Drug activity reported on Jackson Ave (10:48 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Reese Ave (12:52 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 625 Reynolds Ave (1:24 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1068 Morrow Ave (3:03 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 934 County Rd 401 (4:29 p.m.); Identity theft reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (4:52 p.m.).

**Wednesday, July 3** – Suspicious person reported in area of Reese Ave and Hwy 189 (1:15 a.m.); Burglary reported at 731 West Ave (6:01 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Roosevelt Dr (9:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 625 Reynolds Ave (2:42 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

**Thursday, July 4** – Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (12:02 a.m.); Disturbance reported at

640 Reynolds Ave (1:38 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 1315 Hickman Ave (9:14 p.m.).

**Friday, July 5** – Man with a gun reported on Ann St – w/arrest (1:22 a.m.); Burglary reported at 806 Hwy 203 (12:25 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1623 Caroline St (1:05 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 723 Williams Ave S (4:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Martin Luther King Dr (7:01 p.m.).

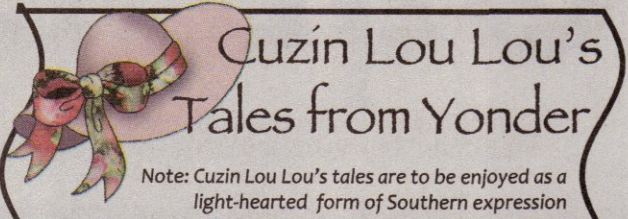
**Saturday, July 6** – Animal complaint reported at 1308 Stoudemire St (9:36 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (8:27 p.m.).

**Sunday, July 7** – Domestic disturbance reported at 160 Collier St – w/arrest (4:44 a.m.);

Shots fired reported at 203 Riverview Dr (8:48 a.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 412 Claxton Ave N (4:12 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1242 Jones St (5:05 p.m.); Stolen vehicle

reported at 1567 Reese Ave (9:01 p.m.).

**Monday, July 8** – Theft of property reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:19 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 605 Kendrick St (9:02 p.m.).



Cuzin Lou Lou has informed Sister that "helping Papa shop for clothes" is now her duty!

Recently, Papa told Lou Lou he needed some new pants. Lou Lou assumed it was because his current pants wardrobe was worn out.

Trying to save some time (and frustration) of doing in-person shopping with Papa, Lou Lou went online to find the items he needed. She had taken Papa shoe shopping before and knew pants shopping would most likely be torture if done in person!

A short time later, with no frustration at all, Lou Lou had Papa three new pair of pants and a couple of dress shirts ordered and on the way. That evening she told Papa the chore was handled keeping them from having to make a physical trip to the store.

"What size did you get?" was Papa's question.

Lou Lou informed him she had ordered the same size he had been wearing.

"That's going to be too small," he said. "That size has gotten too tight on me."

"You've got to be kidding me," Lou Lou said. "You should have told me the reason you needed new pants was because the others were too tight!"

"You didn't ask," Papa responded.

Despite her best efforts, Lou Lou had not escaped the frustration after all. Now, she was going to have to do a return on the items and still have to go shopping with Papa!

The new pants arrived a few days later.

"We are going to go through your pants and get rid of the ones that are too small so I will have a better idea of what you do and don't have," Lou Lou informed Papa.

Several minutes later, Lou Lou had pulled numerous pairs of pants, shorts, and jeans from the closet with all but one or two pair being the same size as the new pants she had just ordered Papa. His response to each pair except one - I can wear those!

"What in the name of Yonder?!?!" Lou Lou thought.

Papa has completely lost his mind now! Shaking her head in disbelief, Lou Lou instructed Papa to "try on" the new pants she had just ordered. "Considering you 'can wear' almost every pair of that size already in your closet, I have a sneaky suspicion those will fit as well," Lou Lou said to Papa as she silently asked the Lord to help her with the man.

"Okay," was all she got back from Papa.

Oh yeah... this was about an hour after Lou Lou had purchased two new pair of shorts for him at the next size up thinking he probably needed those too if his pants were too small.

A couple days later she asked, "did the pants fit?"

"They sure did," Papa replied.

"Well, I saw you had the new larger size shorts on yesterday. Were those okay?" Lou Lou inquired.

"They're a little loose, but I can make the work," Papa said. "Better than being too tight."

It was at this point Lou Lou looked to Sister and said, "he's yours from now on when he needs to buy new clothes!"

Sister just laughed.

It may be funny to her for now, but she will sing a different tune after her first "shopping" shopping with and for Papa and his clothes!!

Until next time...God bless and Keep Smiling.

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**MONTHLY BREAKFAST GATHERING...**On Tuesday, July 9, several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered at Ms. Linda's in downtown Elba on the square for breakfast. Fun, food, and fellowship was had by all. Some classmates were missing this month, but they were there in spirit. Those pictured above include: [long table, right side] Sara Warr Strong, Eddie Thompson, Neal Hutto, Jackey Tindol, and Harry Young; [long table, left side] Bobby Edmondson, Lenore Anglin Tanner, Jerome Blackmon, Kenneth Baker, and David Blackmon; and [small table] Wayne Cooper and Terry Calhoun.

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said, "We wouldn't have started this if we had not gotten that designation."

Becoming a designated community can be difficult. "It's competitive," according to Main Street's Wirth.

"The goal is to help a community grow and work with local businesses first. Main Street Alabama meets communities where they are and does not compare community to community because each one is different," she added.

"Economic vitality, design, organization, and promotion are the four points we work in," Wirth said. "In Elba's case, they are a very traditional downtown dis-

trict. Our job is to work with them and understand their market, and economy, and help local businesses be more successful."

Let Freedom Ring is an event that continues to bring people to downtown Elba and drive economic growth. "We have got to have things downtown. That gives them a reason to come," Williams said.

Downtown districts play an important role in communities. "Sometimes you need to bring people back to what I call the 'living room' of your town," Wirth said. She added, "It's the place everyone can call home. Everyone gets a piece of that."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

Well Elba, once again you showed out with your support of the "Let Freedom Ring" 4th of July Celebration!

For the 3rd year in a row our band "Blind+Skeleton" was honored to be part of such a festive event. It's no surprise to those I talk with regularly, but the guys in the band have fallen in love with the town that I grew up in. For us, getting to play a role in this celebration is one that we put at the top of the shows we play and each year, the people in the community prove why.

Despite last week being the hottest show we've ever played, we all left feeling a sense of gratitude that we were again chosen to be part of this event.

I cannot thank Sandy Bynum enough for the invitation and assistance she provides before, during and after the event. Sandy's desire to host the perfect event is unquestioned and the city is lucky to have her! Next, Gappa Wise once again was a HUGE help to us. Whether it be helping supply power, gather/set-up equipment or answer questions, we can't thank him enough. We also appreciate the communication with Mike Holderfield. Not only does he ensure great firework show, but he is also extremely timely in communicating with us on the transition from music to fireworks. And finally, to the members of the Saddle Hill Band, we were honored to share the stage with you.

I'd be remiss to not thank Kathy Smith for the peanuts and Janice Clark Phillips for the brownies. These were perfect treats after the show and the guys loved them!! For those who stopped and spoke and provided a kind word or hug, thank and know how much that meant to me and how much I love each and every one of you for your friendship and support!

And finally..... to those in attendance, THANK YOU!!! Watching the festivities from the stage truly provides insight into how special Elba really is. Having everyone come together on our historic square and watching family and friends enjoy being together is like a scene from a movie, only it's unscripted, genuine and real. I pray those who were there truly understand what a blessing it is to have that kind of community and fellowship in a time where this world is so crazy!!

Thanks again Elba, until we cross paths again!  
**Ronnie Van Dyke, Scott West, Tom Rigsby and Bill Brueckner**

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## Obituaries

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### BOBBY FRANKLIN JOHNSON

Mr. Bobby Franklin Johnson, age 71, a native of Enterprise, Ala., and resident of Mobile, Ala., died Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at USA Providence Hospital in Mobile.



Funeral services were held Saturday, July 6, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home, in Elba, Alabama, with Bobby's nephew, Rev. Mark Bowers, officiating. Burial followed in the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Those wishing to make memorials in memory of Bobby Johnson, are asked to donate to Prestige Supervised Community Living, Inc., c/o Robert and Gail Brown, 7054 Howells Ferry Road, Mobile, Alabama, 36618. Bobby was a very special person. Despite his disability with Autism, he was high functioning and worked many jobs throughout his lifetime. In his younger years, he worked alongside his father in road construction as a heavy equipment operator. Later he worked in a work program through Fort McPherson, Ga., called Worktech, where he worked on lawn care crews. This program existed to assist people with disabilities to have meaningful work. Bobby had a deep love for Jesus. He also was an avid sports fan and loved martial arts movies, especially Bruce Lee movies. He had a deep love for his nieces and nephews and was always proud to see them and proud of their accomplishments.

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the grant to help fund a street improvements project with an estimated cost of \$516,275.

The city is applying for grant assistance in the amount of \$469,340, and the city will commit a local cash match of \$46,935 for the project cost, if the grant is approved.

During her report to the council, city clerk Sally Bane noted she would be at a conference later this week where information regarding the 2025 municipal elections would be provided. The election for mayor and council members will be next August.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

Bobby was preceded in death by his father Joseph Franklin Johnson, and his mother Juanita McDaniel Johnson, along with two sisters, Martha Joe Johnson Hicks and Katie Johnson Calloway and brothers-in-law, Tony Bowers, Hubert Hicks, Ted Calloway, Joe Valenti, and Stephen Halmiski. Survivors include three sisters: Ann Johnson Bowers, Enterprise, Kathie Johnson Valenti, Dothan, Ala., and

Wanda Johnson Halmiski, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; along with his numerous nieces and nephews.

### KIMBERLY JEAN NORRIS

Mrs. Kimberly Jean Norris, age 58, a resident of Andalusia, Ala., died Sunday, July 7, 2024, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 9, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Todd Rinehart officiating. Burial followed in the Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery in Opp, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Altman.

Survivors include her husband: Robert Earl Norris, Andalusia; sons: Jeremy Norris, Andalusia, Matthew (Marlaina) McKinnon, Opp; granddaughter: Kaylee Norris, Andalusia; mother: Shirley Christian, Festus, Mo.; sisters: Michelle Bradley, Rock Spring, Ga., Shandra Jarrett, Fayetteville, Ark.; brothers: Jack (Samantha) Altman, Poplar Bluff, Mo., Scott Altman, Hershey, Pa., Bryan Altman, Little Rock, Ark.; and sister-in-law: Marene Pugh, Opp.

### WENDELL EUBANKS COLLIER

Mr. Wendell Eubanks Collier, age 90, died Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at his home in Elba, Ala.



Born Nov. 25, 1933, to HC and Clessie Collier, Wendell [affectionately known as

P'Rooney by his friends] graduated from Elba High School. He went on to serve his country for five years in the Alabama National Guard and 24 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant.

As a cancer survivor, Wendell was a staunch supporter of the American Cancer Society and local Relay for Life events. This same devotion for finding a cure led him to donate his body to science.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years: Bonnie Collier; two sons: Les (Cathy) Collier and Derek (Tweela) Collier; his granddaughters: Elizabeth (Earon), Holly, Cara, and Leslie; his great-granddaughter: Addison; and best friend: Jimmy Russell.

### MICHAEL SHANE HALSTEAD

Mr. Michael Shane Halstead, age 44, died Sunday evening, July 7, 2024, at his home in Jack, Ala. Arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations LLC of Elba, Ala.

### RUBY PRUITT STINSON

Mrs. Ruby Pruitt Stinson, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, July 7, 2024.

She was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and was a longtime educator in the Elba City School System.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 2 p.m., at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Hammond Funeral Home directing.



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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Enterprise Division

**In the Matter of: The Petition for Adoption by: PATRICIA DAWSON**

To Adopt: **J.T.K.** CASE NO. PRA-2024-004

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION** To: UNKNOWN FATHER

Notice is hereby given that Hon. D. Bruce McLean on behalf of the Petitioner, Patricia Dawson, having filed a Petition for Adoption in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, in regards to **J.T.K.**, date of birth: 12/13/2005. If you should have any reason why this Petition for Adoption should not be granted in this matter, you are required to contact Hon. D. Bruce McLean, Esq., within thirty (30) days if you contend to contest said Adoption. DONE this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
6/20,27,7/4&11-chg.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF: C.R.G.M., Minor Child** CASE NO.: PC-2024-027

**NOTICE** To: UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.R.G.M.

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by BAILEY MILLER requesting to change the name of the following child: **C.R.G.M.** whose date of birth is May 22, 2020. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, and with the Petitioner's attorney: **Hon. Alyse Fowler, Alyse Fowler Law, LLC, P.O. Box 130, Elba, Alabama 36323**, within fourteen (14) days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A hearing has been set for July 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama. DONE this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama  
6/20,27,7/4&11-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: The Estate of Gloria W. Cross, Deceased** Case No. 24-770

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Peggy W. Leeder, Personal Representative, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Judge of Probate  
Alfred J. Danner  
Attorney for Petitioner  
P.O. Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
6/27,7/4&11-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**EDWIN G. LEVEY, Deceased.** Case No.: 24-760

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary were granted to TIMOTHY LEVEY on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Timothy Levey  
Personal Representative

David F. Holmes, Attorney  
P.O. Box 1180  
Slocumb, AL 36375  
334-886-3123  
6/27,7/4&11-pd.

### IN THE CIRCUIT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA CIVIL ACTION NO: CV-2024-900059

**HENRY KAUFMAN, Plaintiff**

v.  
A Parcel of Land in Geneva County, Alabama Being Parcel ID: 1303080000005006; in S8-T2N-R24E; BEG NW COR NE ¼ OF NW ¼, E 1122.43'; S 109.15; E 195.97'; S'LY 100'; W 1299.81'; N 206.76' TO POB.

And any unknown parties who claim an interest to the lands.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To all persons or entities claiming any interest in the above described lands you are hereby notified that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, a complaint to quiet title in rem was filed in the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama by Henry Kaufman. All persons having an interest in said lands, claiming any title thereto or any encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024, or else at the expiration of 30 days thereafter suffer judgment by default to be rendered against them it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

/s/ Ashley Powell  
Circuit Clerk,  
Geneva County, Alabama  
Circuit Court  
/s/ Joseph J. Gallo  
Joseph J. Gallo (GAL022)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
451 North Daleville Avenue Suite 105  
Daleville, AL 36322  
6/27,7/4,11&18-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED** DOCKET NO. 24-773

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRENDA HAMAMURA TO PROBATE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED**

To: David Lawrence  
Brenda Lawrence  
Mason Oakes  
Any and All Other Heirs of William Lex Lawrence

Please take notice that a Petition by Brenda Hamamura for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of William Lex Lawrence, deceased, having been filed in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that a hearing has been set for the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the Geneva County Probate Court located at

200 N. Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340. All persons having interest in this matter must appear at said time and place if not otherwise notified.

Attorney for Petitioner: Benjamin S. Armstrong  
200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
6/27,7/4,11&18-chg.

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

**ESTATE OF RHONDA SWALLOWS, DECEASED** PROBATE COURT PR-2024-114

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Kerry Pawloski, Personal Representative 6/27,7/4&11-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY DELORES WRIGHT, DECEASED** CASE NO. PR-2024-086

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Sherman L. Wright**, Administrator, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Sherman Wright  
Sherman L. Wright  
/s/ Chase C. Jordan  
Chase C. Jordan  
Attorney for the Estate  
200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
6/27,7/4&11-pd.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES C. DONALDSON, DECEASED**

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE ALABAMA** CASE NO. PC 2024-029

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ISAAH TERRELL DONALDSON as Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES C. DONALDSON, deceased, on the day of June 17, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Isaiah Terrell Donaldson  
Administrator  
c/o April D. Wise, Esq.  
Attorney for the Administrator  
Balch & Bingham, LLP  
105 Tallapoosa Street, Suite 200  
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6/27,7/4&11-pd.

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GARRETH MOORE, Deceased.** CASE NO. PR 2024-117

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Julia Moore as Administrator of the Estate of William Garreth Moore, deceased, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required

to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
7/11,18&25-pd.

### Notice of Public Sale.

An online sale will be held at [www.storage treasures.com](http://www.storage treasures.com) for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2024. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-46

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

What does the Bible say about...  
The Brighter Side of Life?

Article written by Douglas Williams



“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3).

“A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones” (Proverbs 17:22).

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7).

“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34).

It is often said that our lives, to a great extent, depends on our attitude, and how we look at life. Do we look on the bright side of things, or consider the worst possible scenario? Are we positive, or negative, in regard to the events of our lives?

Some people let little things get them down, while others look on the lighter side of the situation and are able to laugh about these things. Someone said, “You grow up the day you have your first real laugh—at yourself.”

There is plenty of evidence that people are generally looking for the “brighter side of life.” The song, “You Light Up My Life,” expresses the need, or desire, of most people searching for someone to brighten their lives. Everyone wants someone to whom they can sing, “You Are My Sunshine.” One song expresses it: “Keep

on the sunny side, always on the sunny side, keep on the sunny side of life.” The idea of another song should be manifested in our lives: “Brighten the Corner Where You Are.”

It is not always easy to walk on the sunny side of the street of life. Try as hard as we can, sometimes we find ourselves in the shadows, or even in darkness. The Lord knows this, and we are told to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, we are told there is a time for all things.

As a Christian we can always rejoice in the Lord and be thankful for His blessings to us even when things are gloomy. As we study the Bible and pray, let us always look through the eyes of faith, trusting God as we are obedient to His word. Never forget the great truth that, “If God be for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31-35). You can’t lose with God on your side, and one person with God is a majority.

Never forget that God loves you (John 3:16); count your blessings; pray to God for help and wisdom; don’t worry, and you will be able to look on the brighter side of life. Even the darkest night is followed by a bright day as we are shown in the book of Job.

Homecoming set for July 14th at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, July 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Hunter Hughes. Special

music will be provided by Ernie Ray Keel, the Smiths, the Willing Vessels, and Derek Snellgrove.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

CCBA will host Ministry Training Institute this fall in two sessions

The Coffee County Baptist Association will host the Samford University’s Ministry Training Institute (MTI) this fall.

MTI is a non-degree academic program equipping ministers and lay-leaders to live out their calling to serve Jesus Christ and His church. Online enrollment is available at <https://coffeebaptist.com/ministry-training>.

Schedule for Fall 2024

**Fall A – Biblical Interpretation**  
Mondays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
August 19-October 7

Instruction will be given in the various tools available today for interpreting the scriptures and the critical role of the Holy Spirit. Students will learn how to interpret the scriptures regarding the languages of the Bible, the context in which it was written and how the various genres affect interpretation. Note: This site will offer Zoom as

an alternative for attending class.

Instructor: Kaleb Wimberly

**Fall B – Introduction to Old Testament**

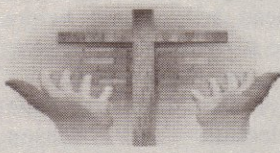
Mondays 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
October 21-December 9

Participants will learn more about the various genres of the Old Testament writings. Attention will be given to the Cristology of the Old Testament and the application of the books in the life of the believer.

Instructor: Kevin Lowhorn

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Ida Martin 7/17  
Christina Woods  
Timberlake 7/17  
Tiatiana Parker 7/17  
Ella Noel Kelley 7/18  
Frank Morris 7/18

Choir Practice

We would assume that a choir of angels should never need rehearsals, but just for a moment, try to imagine that it does. You are a member of the choir, and you are on your way to choir practice.

“Where are we going to sing? It must be an important place for us to be rehearsing like this.”

Another angel responds, “Earth.”

“What? That disgusting little planet? Then surely we must be preparing to visit an important city on earth!”

“No. Actually it’s a rather small town – a town called Bethlehem.”

“Well, then it must be an important audience – possibly kings or queens!”

“No. we’re going to sing for shepherds out in a field!”

Of course, this is all imaginary, but such a hypothetical conversation can help us appreciate the wonder of what did take place on the night Jesus was born. To put it in a modern setting...what if the Mormon Tabernacle

choir were sent to sing in a remote country town? What if the Metropolitan Opera put on a performance in a town so small they had to sing in a pasture because there was no auditorium?

Note the dramatic contrast portrayed in Luke 2: singers sent from Heaven and shepherd out in a field. Why did God choose to make the announcement of His Son’s Birth in this manner?

Surely, it calls attention to the essence of the “good news” of which the angel spoke. The sinless Son of God came to this “disgusting” world to save sinners. The Son of the Highest came to rescue the lowest. True. The shepherds were not worthy to be the first to hear the good news. That is just the point...no one is worthy to hear it. -- R.C.S.

Question / Answer Section  
Q/A for the Week of 7/11/24

Q: To what city did Cornelius send messengers to find Peter?

A: Joppa [Acts 10:32]

Q: In what house was Peter staying?

A: Simon [Acts 10:32]

Q: Who was sent from Jerusalem to assist the church in Antioch?

A: Barnabas [Acts 11:22]

Q: Where did Barnabas go to find Saul?

A: Tarsus [Acts 11:25]

**Thought to Remember**  
The Christian life is more like climbing a mountain than riding an elevator.

Questions for the Week of 7/18/24

Q: Name the prophet who predicted a time of “great death throughout all the world.” (Peter, John, Agabus)

Q: Who left Paul and Barnabas when they arrived at Perga? (Judas, John Mark, Luke)

**Today is a good day! Be grateful.**  
Eria’s Daughter, Sue

Elba pastor to participate in UNITE services July 27 in Andalusia, Ala.

Elba pastor Kit Johnson will be a featured speaker Saturday, July 27, during the UNITE worship service planned in Andalusia, Ala.

UNITE will be a night of worship, music, and message for all.

The services will be at the Dixon Center on the LBW Community College campus in Andalusia. It will begin at 6 p.m. and is free

to attend.

Speakers will include John-Mark Baker, student pastor for Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise; Kit Johnson, pastor of Elba First Baptist Church; and Slick Daniels, an Ozark, Alabama pastor. Music will be by Prevail Worship.

For more information, visit the website: [www.prevailworship.com](http://www.prevailworship.com).

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**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Remonia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night . . . . . 7:00 p.m.



**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night “Peak of the Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Bible Study . . . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Billy Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning . . 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP**  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor**  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC**  
Glenwood, AL  
Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service . . 11:00 a.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Heath Fountain, Pastor  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service . . 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE’S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors  
Sunday School . . . 9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Time . . 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even. . . . . 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship . . 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening . . 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Hubert McWaters, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed . . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Allen Dieas, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.



**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Lorearl Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st, - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Worship . . . . . 7:00

**PRaise & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kerry Saxon, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study . .



SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*It was a quiet fourth of July at the Mularz house except for some late night fireworks in the neighborhood that scared our outside dog Buster and resulted in him sleeping in the garage. I know people like to shoot fireworks whenever they can, but most are not ‘dog friendly,’ and we found out years back to keep an eye on the pets whenever the booms start echoing.*

*For what it is worth....*

\*\*\* *This week is the kickoff* of the high school football season here at The Clipper and as we take the field the first series will deal with region alignment. Elba will be back in Class 1A, Region 2 for the third straight year and along with Brantley help make up a strong eight-team region that also includes such annual contenders as Georgiana and Florala. Kinston and McKenzie have been known to pull off an upset or two and every once in a while advance to the post-season; However, there is a clear ‘Fab Four’ in the region and as always everyone will be pointing to the Elba-Brantley matchup as the region title game.

New Brockton made the move up to the 4A ranks along with former 3A rivals Daleville, Opp, Pike County, Ashford and Straughn, and from where I sit it looks like the favorites to take home the Region 2 crown have to be Opp, Pike County and Straughn. I’ll admit Geneva and Dale County could pull off a surprise and are teams to keep an eye on as far as the #4 team in the region goes, but this region seems to have a solid trio of teams that should battle it out for the top spot in the standings.

Zion Chapel made a move to the west and will compete in Class 2A, Region 3, and while the seven-team region includes such perennial powers as Luverne, Highland Home and Goshen, the Rebels seem to have a solid chance at making it back to the playoffs as the rest of the region is made up of Pike Lib, Calhoun and Barbour County. Pike Lib could be a team to keep an eye on in its first year of post-season eligibility. However, Calhoun and Barbour County are among the state’s least successful programs, regardless of classification, and will make this a five-team race to the finish line to grab a share of the four playoff spots.

A quick peek at a couple of other regions that include area teams will start with Class 7A, Region 2, an eight-team region that includes Enterprise, but also includes such powers as Central of Phenix City, Auburn, Opelika, Dothan and Carver Senior, which will make every region contest one that could decide playoff pairings. Rehobeth continued to grow and made the move to Class 6A, Region 2, where it will face six region rivals that include Pike Road and Wetumpka. While there will be some long road trips for the Rebels, this region really doesn’t look all that strong and could be a welcome surprise for the 6A newcomers. Another seven-team region will be found in Class 5A, Region 2, and this looks like a very strong region that includes the likes of Andalusia, Charles Henderson, Montgomery Catholic and Eufaula, not to mention Carroll, Greenville and Headland. There will be no easy weeks for the teams in this family. Class 3A, Region 2 will have eight teams fighting for a playoff berth and it won’t be easy for any of the eight as Alabama Christian, Houston Academy, Montgomery Academy and Trinity will all be in the mix. Wiregrass teams Wicksburg, Northside Methodist and Slocomb will log a lot of miles on their Friday night fights, but all three appear to be at least a step behind this season. Finally, Class 2A, Region 2 will also include eight teams, and at least in the preseason it looks like Ariton, Cottonwood, G.W. Long and Providence Christian should be the teams to beat when it comes to making the playoffs. Abbeville, Houston County, Geneva County and Samson may have a surprise or two up their sleeves, but this region definitely has a top four, and then everyone else.

\*\*\* *With the kickoff of the college football season* only six weeks away I guess it may be time to take a look back at all the changes that will be coming for the 2024 season. While the addition of Oklahoma and Texas to the SEC grabbed the headlines in out part of the nation, a total of sixteen FBS teams changed conferences and one power five conference dissolved completely as part of a recent two-year cycle. Now for a quick look at the conference changes as the kickoff nears for the upcoming season.... since the ‘SEC’ is the conference we all care about the most, the big news was the addition of Oklahoma and Texas, as well as the conference scrapping division play in the East and West. This season the conference championship game will be between the top two teams in the overall standings. The ‘Atlantic Coast Conference’ (ACC) will go from 14 teams to 17 teams with California and Stanford moving in from the Pac-12, and SMU joining from the American Athletic Conference. As in the SEC, there will no longer be divisions, with the top two teams meeting for the conference crown. The ‘BIG 10’ made the biggest move and this season will have a total of 18 teams in the conference, with USC, UCLA, Oregon and Washington all making the jump from the Pac-12. As is the case with almost all conferences, there will be no divisions and the top two teams will play for the conference title. The ‘Big 12’ will expand for the second straight season and once again won’t have twelve teams on its roster. Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah all make the jump from the Pac-12. The newly marketed ‘Pac-12/Mountain West’ conference will boast a 14-team roster, with Oregon State and Washington State moving in with a dozen teams from the Mountain West to form a conference that will include Air Force, Boise State, Colorado State, Fresno State,

Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, San Diego State, San Jose State, Utah State and Wyoming. The ‘American Athletic Conference’ lured Army into its ranks to take the place of departed SMU and will remain a 14-team conference, while ‘Conference USA’ will add Kennesaw State from the FCS ranks to help form a 10-team conference; the ‘Mid-American Conference’ made no changes to its roster, but did scrap its divisional format; the ‘Sun Belt Conference’ made no changes to its 14-team roster or divisional plans; and finally, the number of ‘Independent’ teams shrank from four down to three with Army heading to the AAC. Notre Dame, U Conn and U Mass are now the only FBS programs not in a conference, even though Notre Dame’s schedule does include five teams from the

Commits to Georgia State

Adkins is headed to ‘Hot-lanta’

Saying he wanted to enjoy his senior year, Elba Tiger football standout Cayden Adkins ended months of speculation last week when he announced he had committed to continue his career at Georgia State University, in Atlanta.

“This is my senior year and I want to enjoy it,” Adkins told *The Dothan Eagle*, in a weekend interview. “The biggest thing was to go ahead and lock in my spot. We have a state championship to worry about and that is what has been my main focus and my main goal. I wanted to go ahead and commit before the season so I didn’t have to worry about anything.”

A first team All-State selection last season at linebacker, the 6-2, 240-pounder is expected to be used as edge rusher/linebacker at the college level. As a junior, Adkins was credited with 120 tackles, including 81 solo stops, 40 tackles for losses, seven quarterback sacks, one tackle for a safety, 12 quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, two fumbles recovered, one interception and one blocked punt. Adkins was also a major factor in the Tigers success on offense as a blocking back/fullback. He rushed for 1,023 yards in 11 games with eight touchdowns on just 78 carries, and caught three passes for 96 yards and one touchdown.

“We are really happy for Cayden and he is the definition of hard work and definitely earned this,” said Elba head coach Marc Sieving in published interview. “He is so much better of a player now than at this time last year it is ridiculous. He will be a force to be reckoned with.”

The Tiger standout also had offers from Jackson State, Samford, North Alabama, Army, Navy, Air Force, Troy, Eastern Kentucky.

Adkins stated a close connection with Georgia State defensive line coach Jeremy Hawkins played a role in his decision to join the Panthers.

“Ever since the beginning he has been the same,” said Adkins of the GSU assistant. “He has been loyal, always the same thing. It is more than just football with him. He wants to develop you into a great young man and has always had a close relationship with me.”

While Air Force recruited Adkins as an offensive player, the Tiger senior added, “I love playing offense, but defense has always been my specialty. I do pretty good on offense, but defense has always been where my heart is.”

While Adkins will be looked upon to be a difference maker on defense this season at Elba, he is expected to make the move on offense from fullback to

ACC. If you can remember all the changes you will be smarter than me, or maybe just care more in the new world of college football.

\*\*\* *In closing....* It was good to see that Cayden Adkins committed to continue his football career, even if he is leaving the state to play at Georgia State. Adkins has been a force at Elba ever since arriving a few years back and is fun to watch on both sides of the ball as he plays the game with an intensity not always seen any more. The part that got me most excited about his announcement was when he said he wanted to enjoy his senior season and it was mow time to get ready to go win a state championship. With Cayden as a team leader that goal may just be within reach!



CAYDEN ADKINS

quarterback.

“I did play quarterback as a kid,” said Adkins, “and I played it a lot. So, I am pretty good with the offense. I can sling it out there and I can run it a little bit. I feel great and am excited to see what we have got this season. We don’t have the same offensive line. Last year we were a lot bigger, but the guys that will be up front this season have put in the work and are grinding. We are all excited.”

Adkins, a three-year starter for the Tigers, added that, “Georgia State’s uniforms are sick! The campus is beautiful and their stadium is the old Atlanta Braves stadium.

All the coaches, head coach Dell McGee, the defensive coordination Chad Staggs and others have been good to me.”

Georgia State University, which has a student population of 53,000, is a Division I university and a member of the Sun Belt Conference in all sports since 2013. GSU competes in the East Division of the Sun Belt, along with App State, Coastal Carolina, Georgia Southern, James Madison, Marshall and Old Dominion. Teams in the West Division include Arkansas State, Louisiana, ULM, South Alabama, Southern Miss, Texas State and Troy.

Re-alignment brings new rivals

With the re-alignment of member schools in the Alabama High School Athletic Association in all sports for the 2024-2026 school years, many fans may have to reach for history books to learn about new rivalries, as well as depend on maps to receive directions to athletic facilities.

In the local area, Class 1A, Region 2 stayed virtually intact, while Class 4A, Region 2 saw a major change with the addition of six teams to the eight-team region and Class 2A, Region 3 saw three teams move in and four teams move out to leave a seven-team region.

Class 1A, Region 2

This only change in this region was Houston County moving up to the 2A ranks, which left eight teams in the hunt for four playoff berths.

Brantley has been a power in the region for many years and in the past five years has recorded four 10-win seasons and three region titles, while Elba, which moved down to the 1A ranks in 2022, has posted an impressive 34-4 record the last three seasons and during the past five years has also claimed three region crowns. Florala has won seven or more games four times in the past five years and has been an annual playoff participant, as has Georgiana, which over the past two seasons has posted a 17-6 record and two post-season appearances. McKenzie has begun to make a move near the top four in the region and last season posted five wins after winning only one game in 2022, while Kinston has won 14 games over the past three seasons and has become a consistent playoff contender, Red Level struggled last season to post only two wins after winning four games the previous season, and Pleasant Home has won only five region games the past five years and has won a total of only three games the past two seasons.

Class 4A, Region 3

The biggest change in the area no doubt came in this region, where six teams moved up from the 3A ranks to join two holdovers to form an eight-team region.

Straughn will be the winningest team in the region after posting 10 wins last season and a total of 24 wins the last three seasons, followed by Pike County, despite winning only four games last season after an eight-win season in 2022. Opp also appears to be a team to keep an eye on even though it also won only four games last season after posting three straight winning seasons, as is Geneva, a holdover which struggled to only three wins a year ago and has suffered two straight losing campaigns. Dale County, another holdover in the region, is always a playoff threat despite posting only three wins a year ago and struggling to three straight losing seasons, with Daleville looking to improve after posting its second straight three-win season in 2023, New Brockton hoping the move up in class will bring new excitement to a team that won only three games last season after going winless in 2022, and Ashford, a former power that has won only five region games and 10 total wins over the past five years.

Class 2A Region 3

This region will certainly have a new look with only four teams returning after boasting perhaps the state’s toughest 2A region the past two seasons.

Luverne is the winningest team in the region after a seven-win season a year ago and a total of 40 wins over

CLASS 1A, REGION 2  
(Records for past five seasons)

Team	Overall Record	Region Record
Brantley	54-12	34-3
Elba *	47-12	32-5
Georgiana	26-27	20-17
Florala	32-22	23-14
Kinston	19-32	13-24
McKenzie	21-29	14-23
Pl. Home	7-42	5-32
Red Level	13-35	10-27
(* Two years in Class 2A)		

CLASS 2A REGION 3  
(Record for past five seasons)

Team	Overall Record	Region Record
Barbour Co. a	2-44	0-33
Calhoun b	5-46	4-30
Goshen c	24-29	14-21
H. Home d	39-22	23-10
Luverne	40-16	25-8
Pike Lib e	31-23	8-5
Zion Chapel	16-35	8-27

(a – Two years in 1A, b – Two years in 1A, c – Two years in 3A, d – Includes six forfeits, e – Three years in AISA)

CLASS 4A REGION 2  
(Records for past five seasons)

Team	Overall Record	Region Record
Ashford a	10-39	5-31
Dale County	20-32	17-20
Daleville b	14-37	9-26
Geneva c	25-28	16-19
N. Brockton d	3-36	9-26
Opp e	33-24	25-10
Pike Co. f	28-24	21-16
Straughn g	30-24	23-14

(a - Three years in 3A, b – One year in 2A, c – One year in 3A, d – Four years in 3A & One year in 2A, e – Five years in 3A, f – Five years in 3A, g – Three years in 3A)

the past five seasons, followed closely by Highland Home, which has posted a total of 30 wins the last three seasons. Pike Liberal Arts will be a newcomer into AHSAA play after a two-year probation period and has posted a total of 31 wins the last five years, despite struggling to only three wins each of the past two seasons. Goshen made a move near the top of the region standings with nine wins last season and now has won a total of 15 games the past two years, and Zion Chapel also made a move a year ago by posting five wins after struggling to win five total games the previous three years. Rounding out the region will be Calhoun, which claimed three wins last season to equal its winningest season since 2012, and Barbour County, which has won a total of two games the past 10 seasons and over the past two years has posted a 2-44 slate.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



LOCAL CHURCH MAKES DONATION TO CROSSOVER MINISTRY...Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba made a \$1,000 donation Sunday, July 7, to Crossover Ministry to be used as needed. Crossover Ministry is a 6-month residential, work/study program located in Covington County. It seeks to help those with addiction in the surrounding counties. Crossover Ministry a 501 C 3 organization that runs mainly off donations. The check was presented to Miranda Williams (center), representing Crossover Ministry, by Pastor Leon Fortune (left), and church treasurer Kathy Smith (right) of Shiloh Baptist Church.

World Championship Domino Tourney set for this Friday and Saturday in Andalusia

The Andalusia Rotary Club will host the 48th World Championship Domino Tournament Friday and Saturday, July 12-13.

Domino players from across the United States will gather in Andalusia in an attempt to take the title from Norman Turner of Ozark, who is the defending singles champion, and Lyndon Livingston of Kinder, LA, and Rickey Rambo of Kansas City, MO, who are the defending doubles champions.

This year's tournament features a \$5,000 first place prize to the winner in the singles competition, and \$2,500 each to winners in doubles, with more than \$20,000 in cash prizes guaranteed.

In addition, the club will host a Fantastic Domino Sweepstakes and steak dinner on Friday night, with a \$15,000 prize. Sweepstakes tickets, which are \$100, gives the holder a chance at the prize money and two dinners. Benji and Amy Mikel, owners of Tabby D's, will cater this year's dinner. Early registration is \$100 per player for



adult singles or doubles. There is a \$10 fee for late registration. The club also has tournaments for teens and children.

Online registration and tournament rules are available at [worldchampionshipdomino.com](http://worldchampionshipdomino.com).

The event will be held at the Kiwanis Community Center, 20096 S. Bypass, Andalusia.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL

ORIENTATION DATES AND TIMES:

MONDAY, AUGUST 5TH

5:30 PM- 7TH-9TH

6:30 PM- 10TH-12TH

- Pick up schedules
- Meet Staff
- Title I Presentation
- Community Service Provider Fair
- Student + 2 Parents- Free Dinner for Participation

LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BARBARA K. MOZO, Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2024-116

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Barbara K. Mozo, deceased, having been granted to Scott L. Mozo, Personal Representative, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama  
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney  
300 E. Lee Street  
Enterprise, AL 36330  
(334) 393-5146  
7/4,11,18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2024-031

IN THE MATTER OF TONI LYNN YOUNG, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to RUSSELL S. YOUNG on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Witness my hand this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.  
/s/ Russell S. Young  
Russell S. Young  
/s/ Matt Brunson  
Matt Brunson Attorney for the Estate  
7/4,11,18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2024-032

IN THE MATTER OF JIMMY LAVON WHITE, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of

said deceased having been granted to Angie Stanford on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Witness my hand this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.  
/s/ Angie Stanford  
Angie Stanford - Personal Representative  
/s/ Matt Brunson  
Matt Brunson - Attorney for the Estate  
7/4,11,18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE VIRGINIA PENUEL, DECEASED,

JAMES HUEY PENUEL, PETITIONER.

CASE NO.: 24-757

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Joyce Virginia Penuel, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26 day of June, 2024, by the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ James Huey Penuel  
James Huey Penuel  
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:  
Jeffrey D. Hatcher  
P.O. Box 189  
Geneva, Alabama 36340  
7/4,11&18-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IDRIS DEVONE HENDERSON, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PR-2023-163

NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the estate of said deceased, IDRIS DEVONE HENDERSON, having been granted to CHARLES ELLZEY on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
7/4,11,&18-pd.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mortgagors, Maurice P. Pujol, Jr. and Brenda J. Pujol executed on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013; said mortgage recorded in OR Book 835, Page 466-472, all in in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and the Collateral Assignment of Membership Interest, dated December, 2008; the undersigned as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage; will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Geneva County, Alabama, on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit: One (1) lot twenty-five (25) feet front on West side of Commerce Street and running back one hundred and sixty (160) feet, and bounded on North by C.D. Chapman's lot and on South by D.H. Morris Estate lot; in the Town of Geneva, Alabama, and known as the Reynolds property. ALSO, two (2) feet off

North side of Reynolds Lot of land facing West side of Commerce Street - more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the North corner of said land where it corners with D. H. Morris, Jr. and W. O. Mulkey lot, thence running West 160 feet, thence South two (2) feet; thence East 160 feet; thence North two (2) feet to point of beginning. Located in the Town of Geneva.

ALSO, all right, title, interest, rights, and benefits by virtue of that party wall agreement which was recorded on April 9, 1928, and recorded in Deed Book I-2, page 49, records of the Probate Office of Geneva County, Alabama.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed, or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties

entitled thereto.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to the Statutory Right of Redemption pursuant to Alabama Code Section 6-5-248 and/or Act 2015-79. The Mortgagee or his attorney in fact reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against

the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Jeffery D. Hatcher at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Jeffery D. Hatcher  
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Community Bank  
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